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Amendments to the Abstract

On page 8, please rewrite the Abstract as Indicated:

An image pickup device has an image sensor generating an image signal, a pulse pattern generator generating a driving signal for the image sensor and an amplifier for amplifying the image signal with a given gain, which can be adjusted by the user. The power of the driving signal is controlled depending on the gain. For instance, the pulse height of the driving signal is set depending on the gain.

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